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Jane @ Child Care Connections

From: Bolick, Mary <MBolick@exchange.montana.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 7:40 AM
To: 'Jane @ Child Care Connections'
Subject: FW: Best Beginnings letter

From: Cheryl Zell [mailto:cheryl@dailychronicle.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2013 12:52 PM
To: Bolick, Mary
Subject: Best Beginnings

Mary,

Thank you so much for letting us be a part of this! It is so important to us and I appreciate you asking us to do this. Let me know if this will work. I had an editor here at work read it so grammar should all be alright.

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Cheryl Zell. I work full time at the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. My husband, Lucio, is student teaching in Bozeman and plans on graduating in May. We recently received a Best Beginnings Scholarship for our 3 boys- Lincoln age 4, Isaac age 3 and Arthur age 9 months. Before the scholarship, my entire paycheck was going to pay for childcare expenses. We lived entirely on the small amount of refund from my husband's student loans. Although we had food in our fridge, gas in our car and a roof over our head, there was no money for extras like Isaac's allergy free food or emergency situations. The Best Beginnings Scholarship has been a huge relief for our family. Now we have money to put healthier food on the table, buy clothes for Lincoln to pass down to the other boys and even throw Isaac a recent birthday party. The scholarship has taken the worry off our shoulders. We are putting a little into savings each month and have some "in case of emergency". I urge you to pass this bill in order to help other families in our situation. As you decide on this bill, please consider that you are helping families relieve some of the stress that limited budgets can cause. You could help families, like mine, get through the month knowing that they have money to spend on necessities for the family. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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